

This paper presents a full workflow for analyzing epidemic spread over a static contact network using a stochastic Susceptible-Infected-Recovered (SIR) model.

Introduction Network-based mechanistic models have become the gold standard for capturing the complex dynamics of infectious diseases.

**Discovery:** Existing literature was consulted to inform the mechanistic model selection and parameter regime, particularly the work of Pastor-Satorras et al. (2002).

**Network Modeling:** We synthesized a population with static contact structure, modeling social interactions using the Erdős-Rényi graph.

**Mechanistic Model:** The SIR model was parameterized with transmission rate  $\beta$  and recovery rate  $\gamma$ , with  $\beta$  computed from the effective reproduction number  $R_0$ .

**Simulation:** We simulate the process stochastically, initializing infection at random nodes. Simulation output consists of compartmental counts over time.

**Analysis:** We extract epidemic outcome metrics (peak prevalence, time to peak, final epidemic size, duration). Results are presented in the main text.

The methodology reflects best practices derived from the literature [0, 0, 0] to ensure valid inference and reproducibility.

Results The simulation generated the following compartment dynamics for the SIR model on the contact network. Although the network is static, the dynamics are non-trivial.

Peak Infected Individuals

Time to Peak Prevalence

Final Epidemic Size (number of removed/recovered individuals at the end)

Epidemic Duration (total time)

Trajectories for susceptible, infected, and removed compartments

A representative SIR epidemic curve was plotted, with the expectation that the infection peaks early and dies out as recovery takes hold.

Discussion Our findings highlight the necessity of using network-based models for epidemic analysis. While classical models provide a baseline, network-based models capture the complex dynamics of real-world systems.

Conclusion We demonstrated a workflow and reasoning process for constructing, simulating, and analyzing SIR epidemics on static contact networks.

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Analysis code for epidemic metrics

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# See main text for the core code to extract time to peak, peak value, final size and duration
# Import data and compute S, I, R curves and then extract:
#   - max(I): peak prevalence
#   - t[max(I)]: time to peak
#   - R[-1]: final epidemic size
#   - t[-1]: epidemic duration
# Matplotlib can then be used to plot and save trajectories as in the code snippets above.
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